In the Claims

1.   (currently amended)   A method of displaying examination information during one or more portions of an examination, comprising the steps of:

providing a timer for timing the duration of the examination and of a portion of the examination;

providing a warning light to alert a user of an event relating to the operation of the timer;

tracking the number of questions answered by a user during the portion of the examination; and

displaying information relating to both the time remaining in the portion of the examination and to the number of questions remaining in the portion of the examination;

activating the warning light in a first manner at a predefined time relative to the end of the examination; and

activating the same warning light in a second manner at a predefined time relative to the end of the portion of the examination.

2.   (original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the displayed information includes an average amount of time remaining per remaining questions.

Claim 3 (canceled)

4.   (original)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying the amount of time elapsed during the portion of the examination.

5.   (original)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying the amount of time remaining in the portion of the examination.

6.   (original)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying the number of questions answered.

7.   (original)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying the number of questions remaining.

8.   (original)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing memory for storing information relating to one or more specific standardized examinations.

9.   (original)   The method of claim 8, wherein the duration of and the number of questions in the portion of the examination is stored in the memory.

10.   (original)   The method of claim 8, wherein information relating to a plurality of specific standardized examinations is stored in the memory, the method further comprising the step of allowing a user to select predetermined parameters for an examination based on the stored information.

Claims 11-21 (canceled)

22.   (currently amended)   A method of displaying information during a timed event having

sub-events, comprising the steps of:

providing a timer for timing the duration of the event;

tracking the number of sub-events during the event; ~~and~~

<u>providing a digital display for displaying information;</u>

displaying information <u>on the digital display</u> relating to both the time remaining in the event and

to the number of sub-events<u>;</u>

<u>providing a visual indicator separate from the digital display;</u>

<u>activating the visual indicator to alert a user of the end of a timed period, wherein the user is</u>

<u>alerted without using sound.</u>

23.   (original)   The method of claim 22, wherein the displayed information includes an

average amount of time remaining per remaining sub-event.

Claims 24-27 (canceled)

28.   (new)   The method of claim 22, wherein the information is continued to be displayed

while the visual indicator is activated.

29.   (new)   The method of claim 22, wherein the visual indicator is a light.

30.   (new)   The method of claim 22, further comprising:

providing a housing having a top surface, a bottom surface, a front surface, and a back surface,

wherein the digital display is disposed on the front surface; and

providing one or more buttons disposed on the top surface of the housing for allowing a user to

       control the operation of the timer.

31.   (new) The method of claim 30, wherein the housing of the timer, when viewed from the

side, is shaped like a parallelogram with corners that are not right angles.

32.   (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the warning light is activated in the second

manner by flashing the warning light a predefined number of times.

33.   (new) The method of claim 1, wherein a predefined time at which the warning light

activates is selectable by the user.

34.   (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing a housing having a top surface, a bottom surface that is substantially parallel to the top

       surface, a front surface, and a back surface;

providing a display disposed on the front surface of the housing; and

providing one or more buttons disposed on the top surface of the housing for allowing a user to

       control the operation of the timer.

35.   (new) The method of claim 34, wherein the housing of the timer, when viewed from the

side, is shaped like a parallelogram with corners that are not right angles.

36.   (new) The method of claim 35, wherein the one or more buttons disposed on the top

surface of the housing includes a sub-event button for allowing a user to time sub-events by

pressing the sub-event button during use of the timer.

37.   (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the user is alerted without using an audible device.

38.   (new) A timer for timing an event comprising:

a housing having a top surface, a bottom surface that is substantially parallel to the top surface, a front surface, and a back surface;

a display disposed on the front surface;

one or more buttons disposed on the front surface of the housing for allowing a user to control the operation of the timer;

one or more buttons disposed on the top surface of the housing for allowing a user to control the operation of the timer;

a visual indicator for alerting a user to an event, wherein the user is alerted without using an audible device; and

a stand coupled to the back surface of the housing and extending outward from the housing such that when the timer is propped up using the stand, the top surface is substantially level.

39.   (new) The timer of claim 38, wherein the housing of the timer, when viewed from the side, is shaped like a parallelogram with corners that are not right angles.

40.   (new) The timer of claim 39, wherein, when the timer is placed on a flat supporting surface, the front surface of the housing is disposed at an angle relative to the supporting surface.

41.   (new) The timer of claim 38, wherein the one or more buttons disposed on the top surface of the housing includes a sub-event button for allowing a user to time sub-events by pressing the sub-event button during use of the timer.

42.   (new) The timer of claim 41, wherein the display displays information relating to the duration of a sub-event.

43.   (new) The timer of claim 42, wherein the display displays an average amount of time allowed for future sub-events during the timed event.